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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: July 2, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution confirming authorization for Executive Officer to enter into Task Agreements with the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, for provision of services and projects pursuant to the SMMNRA Cooperative Management Agreement.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution confirming authorization for the Executive Officer to enter into Task Agreements with the National Park Service, to provide a number of current and future planning services, projects, capital improvements, and other services pursuant to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Cooperative Management Agreement.

Background: The MRCA and National Park Service have entered into a number of Task Agreements over the past year (such as nature interpretation services for the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom, and King Gillette Ranch Planning). A current \$16,000 agreement allows for furnishing the Cook's House at King Gillette Ranch for its use by NPS summer interns. NPS has indicated that they will be requesting additional agreements with MRCA over the summer and before the end of the federal fiscal year. Pending potential projects include an approximate \$500,000 wildland fire interface services agreement, and one for up to \$80,000 for King Gillette Ranch for purposes of restoring the park (including furnishings, grounds, and planning). Other projects and Task Agreements may be proposed also.

This resolution would confirm authority for the Executive Officer to enter into such agreements as they arise, in furtherance of the Cooperative Management Agreement (No. G8544080042), for projects throughout the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, including King Gillette Ranch.

The individual Task Agreement amounts will include a 10% administrative overhead allocation for MRCA. Depending on the scope and intent of the agreements, MRCA staff time may also be chargeable to the Task Agreements.